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all evaporated milk beaver cou-
pons expire Dec. 31.

Victoria Daily Times

Weather Forecast
Victoria and Vicinity—Thursday: Overcast in morn-
ing, becoming cloudy in afternoon. South-
west winds at 20 m.p.h.
Tuesday—Temperatures: Min. 30; Max. 36.
Sunshine: 2 hours 36 minutes.
Today's Noon Temperature: 36.

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Disaster Survivor



The parrot seen above, carried by a worker, survived when a flaming ice house exploded, its heavy brick wall crushing an adjacent tenement in New York City. After many hours of digging in the rubble the death list was put at 36.

On-The-Spot Probe Of Greek Complaint Suggested To U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States proposed today that the United Nations Security Council send a commission to the Balkans to investigate conditions on both sides of the Greek frontier, and urged the council to withhold judgment on Greece's complaints against her neighbor states until a report was received.

Herschel V. Johnson, chairman of the U.S. delegation to the council, said his government believed such a first step in the council's deliberations on the Greek charges.

"I shall, myself, avoid making any comments on the merits of the various allegations and counter-allegations unless forced to do so by the statements of other members," Johnson said.

The proposal arose as the council resumed the long debate on Greece's charge that Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia fomented the current bloody guerrilla warfare in northern Greece to further their own territorial aims.

Greece has asked an on-the-spot investigation, and the three neighbor countries have countered with demands for an investigation of conditions within Greece itself, blaming the Royalist-dominated government of Greek Premier Constantin Tsaldaris for the strife.

Quake In California

EUREKA, Calif. (AP)—The heaviest earthquake in 14 years shook this coastal area of northern California at 6:21 a.m. today. Light fixtures swayed and dishes rattled, but no damage was reported.

Joseph Bognuda, in charge of the University of California seismographs at Ferndale, said the quake centred off Cape Mendocino. It lasted more than five seconds and approached damage point intensity.

Guards For Russia's Tabriz Consul

TEHRAN (AP)—Iranian Premier Ahmed Quavam relinquished the portfolios of Foreign Minister and Interior Minister Tuesday, apparently in response to criticism by the left-wing Tudeh Party, which had contended the multiple posts placed him in position to control the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

Two under-secretaries were named temporarily to the post of Foreign Minister and Interior Minister until after the elections.

It was reported, meanwhile, that approximately 20 members of the Tudeh Party had been placed under arrest, but government sources declined comment.

At the same time the Tehran newspaper Etefaat printed a dispatch from Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan province, saying the Russian consul there had requested that the Iranian army assign guards to the Soviet con-

City Council To Debate Lotteries For Hospitals

The question of endorsing sweepstakes for hospital building purposes will come up for early discussion by the Victoria City Council, with Ald. H. M. Diggon bringing the matter forward for an expression of opinion.

The Vancouver City Council Tuesday endorsed a resolution urging federal amendment to the Criminal Code to permit provinces or municipalities to hold sweepstakes to raise funds for the building of hospitals or allied institutions.

Ald. Diggon said that he could see little harm in such sweepstakes and there was a distinct possibility that as fund-raising projects for hospitals they might be very effective.

"Now that Vancouver has taken the lead in the matter," he commented, "I certainly think that our City Council should at least discuss the matter, and I will introduce the topic for debate."

WANT INFORMATION

He said hospital sweepstakes should be fully investigated to find out if that is a sound and effective method of raising funds, pointing out that Jubilee Hospitals is having constant difficulty in balancing its books, being about \$500 a month short during the first 11 months of 1946.

"Like many other municipal institutions, the hospitals are waiting the Goldenberg report," he commented, "to see if any financial relief is promised in that."

Mayor Percy George is still in Seattle and could not be reached for comment. Acting Mayor Edward Williams said that he would not "go on the record one way or the other" on the hospital sweepstakes question until he had heard more about it.

Ald. B. J. Gadsden said he favored state-operated sweepstakes for hospital purposes under the control of the Attorney-General, but did not think that the municipalities should be given the power to run them.

State-operated lotteries for raising funds for hospitals, have been discussed in the provincial Legislature at many sessions and once was unanimously approved in a motion, but no endorsement was given by the Dominion government.

Before the war Tom Uphill, veteran Labor member for Fernie, introduced a motion calling for the provincial Legislature to request amendment of the Criminal Code to permit state-operated lotteries, and the motion was passed.

More Snow Falls On Malahat Road

Public works department officials this afternoon reported more snow was falling on the Malahat, which was completely plowed out and sanded this morning.

While automobiles during the morning could get over the hill without chains, this afternoon the department said chains would be necessary because most of the sand was buried.

Rampaging Willamette Inundates Oregon Farmlands



This picture shows how farm lands north of Eugene, Ore., were under water while the Willamette flood was at its peak. Some 3,500 persons were evacuated and damage ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Cooler weather has eased the floods in the extensive affected areas of Washington and Oregon.

Truman Reaffirms U.S. Recognition Of Chinese Regime; To Continue Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman reaffirmed today United States recognition of the National Government of China and said the United States will persevere in its policy of assisting the Chinese people to "peace and economic recovery."

In a statement clarifying American policy toward China, the President said U.S. forces there have been reduced from 113,000 to fewer than 12,000.

"It is a matter of deep regret that China has not yet been able to achieve unity by peaceful methods," the President said in his lengthy document.

He had nothing to say about a proposal advanced earlier in a statement by U.S. Senator Ralph Flanders (Rep.-Vt.) and James Murray (Dem.-Mont.) that the United States and other world powers seek a solution of China's internal strife in an international conference.

British Mission Probes Chance Of Coalition Regime For Spain

LONDON (AP)—An authoritative government source said today that members of the British diplomatic mission to Spain had been "examining the possibility of whether a coalition government could be established in Spain to replace the Franco regime and carry on until elections could be held."

In answer to a question he said it had seemed at one stage that prospects for establishment of such an interim government were bright, but that the denunciations directed against the Franco regime in the United Nations had enabled the Spanish leader to consolidate support for himself within the army on the basis that Spain was being attacked by foreign elements.

These denunciations, he said, had definitely impaired the prospects of ending Franco's rule.

The source, who declined to be

quoted by name, said the examination included talks with representative groups of Spaniards ranging from "the right-wing centrists" to the left-wing centrists.

Asked whether activities of this kind by a diplomatic mission were not unusual, the spokesman said British relationships with Spain were so unusual that it made little difference.

The informant did not discuss the method by which an end to the Franco regime might be accomplished should Britain be satisfied that a stable interim government could be set up within Spain.

In reply to a question the spokesman said the British examination had included the possibility of deriving support for a new Spanish government from the army—which, he said, did not appear to be solidly behind Franco.

Offer Use Of Grain Elevator To Speed Shipments Overseas

A wire was sent today to Hon. J. A. McKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in Ottawa, by Ald. R. A. C. Dewar, chairman of the city lands, zoning and housing committee, asking Mr. Mayhew to remind the Federal Grain Board that Victoria has an empty grain elevator and year-round terminal facilities available for use.

The wire was prompted by intimations that grain shipments to the United Kingdom and Europe are being slowed down or held up because of lack of terminal facilities in Canada.

To Call More Arena Tenders In January

Tenders for the roof structure of the Memorial Arena will be called immediately after the new year, Ald. R. A. C. Dewar, chairman of the arena committee, said today following a meeting.

This will mean that work on the roof can start by the end of January or early in February.

C. T. Hamilton, consulting engineer for the arena, attended the meeting, and will supervise the letting of the tenders, Ald. Dewar said.

Approximately \$7,500 has been spent by the City Council this year in getting the grain elevator ready for immediate occupancy, and Ald. Dewar said it could be put into use immediately.

He said that the City Council would like to see grain going in there again, as the city asset should be used. It would mean a lot of money to this city.

Emphasis will be made in the telegram to Mr. Mayhew that the year-round open port should be stressed in any representations he may make to the Grain Board.

In the telegram Ald. Dewar said: "Report here says grain being held up due to lack of terminal facilities. We can handle 1,000,000 bushels in the Victoria elevator all year round. Suggest that Grain Board be again reminded our elevator empty."

9 Found Drowned

MANILA (AP)—The evening News said today nine bodies, tied together, had been found floating in the Pampanoa River, 30 miles northwest of Manila. There was no explanation. The News said four prominent landowners were kidnapped last week while inspecting the harvest.

that of assisting in evacuation of Japanese.

"At the peak strength a year ago we had some 113,000 soldiers, sailors and marines in China,"

he said. "Today this number is being reduced to less than 12,000, including some 2,000 directly concerned with the operations of executive headquarters, and will be further reduced to the number required to supply and secure the American personnel of executive headquarters and the air field and stores at Tsingtao."

Christmas Cheer By Air To Alaska From Seattle Soon

SEATTLE (AP)—The dreary prospect of stockings hanging flat and empty before Alaskan fireplaces Christmas morning was erased today when Seattle civic organization announced plans to fly four tons of gifts to children of the territory long isolated by the U.S. west coast maritime strike.

"Children in some of the isolated towns have never seen an apple or a candy bar," said L. J. Dowell in announcing the project. For that reason, he said, plans to collect toys had been discarded and the gifts would consist of fruit, candy and nuts.

Santa's jaunt north will be made in four planes, each carrying a ton, Dowell reported. Gifts will go to Ketchikan, Juneau, Whitehorse, Y.T., Fairbanks, Nome and Anchorage.

"Thousands of Alaska children would have a dismal Christmas this year if Seattle had not volunteered to play Santa," Dowell said. In the remote areas of the territory, where the gifts will be late due to transportation difficulties, arrangements are being made for delivery of the packages by charter plane and dog team.

Gobbler Cornered In White House



President Truman helped subdue a 42-pound Christmas turkey which almost got away from him during presentation ceremony.

11 Die, 11 Injured When School Bus, Train In Collision

Assurance Sought Britain, U.S. Not Linked Militarily

LONDON (AP)—Richard H. S. Crossman, a leader of last month's Labor rebellion in Parliament against Foreign Secretary Bevin's foreign policy, appealed today for a "clear" government statement that Britain is "in no wise committed to a military entente" with the United States.

Crossman, in a letter to The Times of London on the eve of Mr. Bevin's return from the Big Four council sessions in New York, reiterated there was a possible connection between peacetime conscription in this country and proposals for a long-range standardization of British and U.S. arms.

"But my main contention," Crossman wrote, "is that an Anglo-American entente, which many Americans ardently desire, so far from preventing war, would make it more likely."

Declaring Prime Minister Attlee "gave ground to believe" in a recent speech he "opposes the main proposals of the Fulton (Mo.) speech" of Winston Churchill, Crossman wrote that Mr. Attlee was "not completely unambiguous" and added:

"It is to be hoped in the interests, both of this country and America, that the government will make it clear that we have no intention of entering into a military entente."

Crossman's letter to The Times was in reply to a cable to that paper from Randolph Churchill, son of Britain's wartime Prime Minister, in which the latter expressed surprise that Crossman was worried over arms standardization and conscription. Crossman wrote that he thought he was supported in his belief by facts available to the public.

Lake Cowichan Rates For Water Approved

A by-law of the village of Lake Cowichan, providing for the setting-up of a water works department and rates to be charged by that department for supplying water, has been approved by the provincial government by order-in-council.

The rate structure provides for a flat rate of \$2 per month for single family dwellings, \$2 per month for wholesale and retail stores, \$2.50 for combination stores and residences; and \$1 for the first 5,000 gallons, \$1 for the second 5,000 gallons, 80 cents for the third 5,000 gallons and 10 cents for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 15,000 used monthly by consumers buying water by meter.

NEWBERRY, S.C. (AP)—Ten pupils and the driver of a school bus were killed today when the bus and a south-bound Southern Railway passenger train collided at a grade crossing on the outskirts of Silverstreet, a village seven miles southwest of Newberry.

Eleven other schoolchildren were injured and hospital attendants said all were in critical condition.

Mrs. H. N. Wallace of the McSwain Funeral Home, where five of the bodies were brought, said ambulance drivers had told her the train struck the bus on the side and dragged it a half-mile down the tracks.

Some bodies were carried along on the cowcatcher of the engine while others were scattered beside the track, according to her information.

Mrs. Wallace said the crash occurred on a straight stretch of road.

Richard Sanders, the driver, was killed.

Early arrivals at the scene found bodies, clothing and school books strewn along the railroad tracks for a half-mile. Three bodies were removed from the bus after the wreck. The bus engine was found 250 feet away from the crossing.

It was believed Sanders was not expecting the train, running about two hours late on its Greenville-Columbia schedule, as he approached the crossing. Foggy weather with low-hanging clouds made visibility poor.

150 Appoint Committee To Seek Better Roads, Bridges In Sooke

A delegation, asking improvements in roads and bridges in the Sooke district, will seek a hearing of Premier Hart and Works Minister E. C. Carson, it was decided at a meeting of 150 at the Sooke community hall Tuesday night.

Attending the meeting, called by the Esquimalt District Liberal Association and presided over by S. T. Morrow, president of the association, were members of the Sooke, Shirley, Esquimalt South, Langford, View Royal and Esquimalt Township Liberal Associations. C. T. Beard, member of the Legislature for Esquimalt, also attended.

They had been called to discuss thoroughly the condition of roads and bridges in the district. He added he hoped that no accident such as that which took the lives of six Sooke high school students Dec. 7 when a car plunged through the Jacob's creek bridge on the Jordan River road would again occur in the district.

The meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of the youths who had died in the crash. Mr. Beard, who said he was representing all parties in the government as he was a Coalition member, expressed the opinion that the government was not entirely to blame for the accident because improvements in public works were difficult because of shortages of labor and materials.

He said the government had appropriated adequate sums for repairing roads and bridges but was unable to secure equipment for the work.

The meeting expressed the opinion that planking on bridges should be laid diagonally and that the wooden surfaces of bridge roadways should be covered with asphalt and gravel to give better traction.

One resolution said the road from Colwood to Sooke, at present classed by the provincial government as a secondary highway, should be classified as a primary highway.

A further resolution said: "That we demand a reconstruction of the road from Colwood to Cooper's Cove and that this road be classified as a primary road."

Members of the committee appointed to meet Mr. Hart and Mr. Carson are:

Mr. Beard, Mr. Morrow, F. G. Gray, Edward Clark Jr., and Mrs. G. R. Downey.

Six resolutions were passed in all.

SYMPATHIZE WITH PARENTS

One expressed regret that it had been necessary to call the meeting and expressed condolence to the parents and friends of the six youths.

Another resolution, noting the condition of the Jacob's creek bridge had been reported some time ago to the Department of Public Works to be dangerous, that proper signs and reflectors had not been posted on the approaches to the bridge, and that the planking on the bridge had been laid lengthwise instead of diagonally, said:

"That the Esquimalt District Liberal Association here in special meeting strongly condemn the Department of Public Works, needed for not acting on the report made to them of the dangerous condition of the bridge thereby not bringing it into a safer condition for the protection of the heavy traffic using it, and vigorously urge that immediate action be taken to have a complete overhaul of this bridge with planking laid diagonally, non-skid surfacing, strong guard rails erected, warning signs and reflectors posted on the approaches."

BRIDGE NEEDS REPAIRS

Condition of the Niagara bridge on the Malahat, which the meeting described as in a dangerous condition, was also mentioned as needing attention. The resolution suggested planking be laid diagonally, and non-skid surfacing, warning signs and reflectors and guard rails of heavy construction be installed.

Aim of the delegation is to secure "assurance that prompt action will be taken by the Department of Public Works to eliminate the hazards on the highways and bridges in the district."

LATEST

Freighters Safe In Port Of N.S.

HALIFAX (CP)—The coastal freighter Josephine K. overdue at Halifax five days, turned up today in the eastern shore port of Mushaboom, where she had sought shelter because of rudder trouble.

D.P. Camp Raided

BRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—More than 1,000 U.S. troops today raided a displaced persons camp housing 15,000 Poles and arrested at least 12 persons suspected of illegal traffic in currency. Tanks, armored cars and armed constabulary soldiers searched the Wildflecke area.

Ask Rate Boost

OTTAWA (CP)—An application for increased rates in certain categories of railway express has been filed with the Board of Transport Commissioners and the Prices Board, it was disclosed today.

The proposed increases would cover only those rates which were lowered to meet motor truck competition, and in no case is any rise sought above the present standard express tariffs.

To Ration Bedding

LONDON (Reuter)—Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, today announced a slight increase in the British clothing ration March 1, but added that, at the same time, sheets and cotton blankets would be sold against extra clothing ration points to be given where the Department of Public Works, needed



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Dr. R. M. Petrie To Attend Meeting Of Astronomers

Dr. Robert M. Petrie, M.B.E., assistant director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Saanich, has been invited to speak at a symposium at Harvard College Observatory which will be held Dec. 26 to 28 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the observatory.

Dr. Petrie will present an important symposium, the result of his three-year research on eclipsing variables, to the Harvard Observatory which will hold special meetings in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He will be Canadian representative at the annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society which will also hold a meeting at Harvard.

Dr. Petrie will also present some important research work, carried out recently at the observatory, to the Binary Star Panel of the International Astronomical Union. These meetings will be presided over by Dr. Harlo Shapley, director of the Harvard College Observatory.

On his trip to the east, Dr. Petrie intends to visit several American observatories. He will discuss problems of instrument design with Mr. McMath of the McMath-Herbster Observatory, Lake Angeles, Mich., and Dr. Struve of the Yerkes Observatory.

Servinus Group—Mrs. F. Kermod was re-elected president at the meeting of Servinus Group of the W.A. to Metropolitan United Church held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Kinghorn, St. Patrick Street. Other officers are: Vice-president, Mrs. G. A. A. Hebb; secretary, Mrs. T. Hammond; treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Prowd; social, Mrs. B. C. Bracewell; membership, Mrs. H. C. Kinghorn; press, Mrs. E. Williams; work, Mrs. F. Leslie. Mrs. Munsey read a Christmas story and members sang carols. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. G. Jones, Dalhousie Street.

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Bride Shot Dead, Stepson Arrested

DETROIT (CP)—Mrs. Louis Mezel, attractive 26-year-old bride, was shot and killed early today as she lay sleeping beside her husband, William, 56. Police arrested Joseph Cyprus, 30, former paratrooper who said he was Mezel's stepson. Mezel said he knew "Joe was unhappy about my second marriage."

Detectives quoted Cyprus as saying: "I shot her because I didn't like her. If she's dead, it's a good thing."

Retail Price, Costs Give Manufacturers Of Autos Concern

DETROIT (AP)—Production costs and retail prices are giving automobile manufacturers in the U.S. increasing concern as they try to chart their programs for the year ahead.

Increased material and labor costs are a certainty; whether retail prices can be pegged at their present high levels will depend on the industry's ability to find other manufacturing economies.

Currently these are not in sight and leading industry heads have asserted bluntly that if there is advance in production costs, especially in wages, there must be a corresponding rise in retail prices.

The motor industry does not cherish high prices; it needs volume both for sustained factory operations and profit, and volume does not thrive on high prices.

Although maintaining they can sell all the vehicles the assembly plants can produce next year, executives of the various companies do not deny that thousands of would-be buyers already have been "priced out of the market" by the steadily mounting retail charges.

They do not like to think about what further price increases might do to the 1947 and 1948 market for automobiles, particularly those in what formerly was the "low-price" field. This bracket, which in normal times accounts for up to 80 per cent of the industry's volume, reportedly already has begun to feel the effects of the price rise.

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Shopping Days To Christmas

New B.C. Deal On Taxation Open To Other Provinces

OTTAWA (CP)—The formula offered to British Columbia for calculation of annual subsidy, payments under a proposed new taxation agreement was open to other provinces, but probably would be less advantageous to them than the formula put forward in the federal budget last June, a Finance Department official said today.

In the case of British Columbia—a similar offer was made to Prince Edward Island—the absolute minimum annual payment is to be 150 per cent of receipts to the province under the wartime taxation agreement.

For other provinces the minimum annual subsidy would be calculated at \$15 per capita multiplied by the 1941 or 1942 population, whichever was the greater, and based on the value of the gross national production. Under this formula the annual subsidy would increase as the population and value of gross national production increased.

Because British Columbia chose receipts under the wartime tax agreement rather than a per capita grant as a basis for fixing its minimum annual subsidy steps had to be taken so the province would, like the others, see its subsidy move with population and gross national production figures.

As a result British Columbia's subsidy next year would amount to \$21,200,000—\$3,000,000 more than the fixed minimum.

The Finance Department official said provinces which already have found the basis for new taxation agreements with the Dominion would not have to consent to the change in formula. However, British Columbia was told that implementation of the formula was conditional on the conclusion of agreements now awaiting the ratification of provincial legislatures.

Provinces, besides British Columbia, which have agreements awaiting ratification are Saskatchewan, Manitoba and New Brunswick.

Annual meeting of Ward Four of the Victoria Young Men's Association, held in the clubrooms, 728 Fort Street, on Thursday, Dec. 18, 1946, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the ensuing term. All Conservatives residing in Ward Four heartily welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous—The alcoholic, as distinguished from a normal drinker, is a person who drinks even when he doesn't want to and knows he shouldn't. Such compulsive drinking causes unhappiness and ruins careers. If this is your problem, then you may obtain help—freely and confidentially. Apply Victoria Chapter, Alcoholics Anonymous, P.O. Box No. 1, Victoria, P.O. Box No. 869, Duncan, B.C.

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Xmas Party and Dinner, Royal Colwood Golf Club, Sunday, Dec. 22. For members and friends, \$3.00 a couple. Orchestra.

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Weather

Weather today and tomorrow, valid until midnight Dec. 19:

Vancouver and vicinity and Lower Fraser Valley—Overcast. Intermittent snow becoming intermittent rain tonight. Intermittent rain on Thursday. Winds light. Milder tonight.

Georgia Straits—Overcast. Intermittent snow becoming intermittent rain this evening. Overcast with rain showers on Thursday. Light winds.

West Coast Vancouver Island—Overcast. Intermittent rain and frequently rain and snow mixed today. Intermittent rain tonight and rain showers on Thursday. Winds southeast. Milder tonight.

WEATHER ACROSS CANADA

To 8 a.m.	P.S.T.	Today	
	Max.	Min.	Precep.
Montreal	44	21	03
Toronto	41	18	19
White River	14	14	06
Port Arthur	13	6	
Kenosha	10	7	61
Winnipeg	4	-2	Trace
Brandon	4	-2	
The Pas	0	18	03
Yorkton	-1	-22	
Regina	0	-1	Trace
Essex	0	13	
Moose Jaw	7	-16	
Saskatoon	13	-19	
Prince Albert	3	-29	
N. Battleford	0	9	02
Swift Current	6	-2	03
Medicine Hat	20	10	
Lethbridge	22	13	
Calgary	27	16	
Edmonton	29	14	Trace
Fairmont	19	19	
Grande Prairie	28	3	
Jasper	15	-2	
Peace River	44	06	4
Prince George	21	16	Trace
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Naval Action Brings Posthumous V.C. For R.N.R. Officer

LONDON (Reuter)—The Victoria Cross, Britain's highest award for valor, has been bestowed for an earlier award of posthumous mention in dispatches to Lieut. Thomas Wilkinson, R.N.R., who near Singapore in 1942 took his small patrol vessel into battle against a heavily-escorted Japanese convoy.

The London Gazette, in announcing the new award, said it was bestowed on Lieut. Wilkinson not only to recognize his own heroism but to honor also the 74 men who died with him when the 1,000-ton patrol ship Li Wo, which he commanded, was sunk.

The vessel, with a ship's company of 84 officers and ratings, was en route from Singapore to Batavia, Java, when she sighted two enemy convoys, the larger of which was escorted by Japanese naval units, including a heavy cruiser and destroyers. Lieut. Wilkinson decided to engage the convoy and fight to the last. Although the Li Wo's armament consisted of one 4-inch gun for which she had only 13 shells, and two machine guns, the gallant ship in the ensuing action inflicted damage on the crews of all enemy ships within range.

When the Li Wo, badly damaged, was sinking, Lieut. Wilkinson decided to ram his principal target, a large Japanese transport which had been abandoned by her crew. The transport burned fiercely following the action, and was believed sunk.

The Li Wo's gallant fight ended when, her shells spent, and under heavy fire from the enemy cruiser, Lieut. Wilkinson gave the order to abandon ship. However, he remained aboard and went down with his ship.

Only 10 of the crew survived and they were captured.

The award brought to 179 the number of V.C.'s awarded for valor during the Second Great War. Eleven have gone to Canadians.

Sentence In Report Misinterpreted

TORONTO (CP)—Misinterpretation of a sentence in a Toronto newspaper report has caused a Canadian Press report that the Saskatchewan government would show a profit for the year on government-owned companies of between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

What the Star said was that "the over-all picture will more than erase the few red ink entries, leave the government with a handsome profit on its total investment of between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000."

The figures referred to total investment, not profit, for which no total figure was given in the Star's story.

The Canadian Press, summarizing the story for its wires, erroneously referred to the Star as having estimated profits at between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

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News Of The Island

Alberni Citizens To Vote On School Program In February

PORT ALBERNI—The \$1,300,000 school building program for this district is expected to be submitted to ratepayers at the end of February, Trustee W. Johnston said here. After deduction of provincial and federal grants, the amount Port Alberni would have to pay toward the building program would be \$200,000.

It was explained that the sum would be payable over a number of years.

Classrooms for children, is

quite a problem here with some 1,900 children attending schools which are capable of accommodating less than half that number. Army huts have had to be used as schoolrooms.

Another problem confronting school trustees is the lack of buses to transport children in rural districts to schools. It became necessary to use Vancouver Island Coach Lines buses.

In all, the school district employs 64 teachers and a maintenance staff of 18.

Land Offered For Sale To Cowichan School Board

DUNCAN—Cowichan School district trustees agreed at a meeting to purchase a site for a new school at Mill Bay. The site was offered by F. Scollard on the condition that a school building be commenced before March 1, 1947.

It was also announced that the National Film Board offered to transport films from school to school throughout the district at a cost of \$100 per year. The plan was approved.

Trustees also decided to buy from the Department of Education 150 school desks at \$5 each.

LANGFORD GUIDES

LANGFORD—Miss Stocken, district commissioner of Girl Guides, visited the Langford Girl Guide Association and invested the following officers: Mrs. R. Fraser, convener; Mesdames H. Johnson and Mrs. R. Rankin, secretary, and Mrs. C. F. Holmgren. The association will hold a Christmas party Dec. 30 in the Institute Hall for Guides and Brownies.

LADYSMITH—John Mitchell was elected president of Club 44 at a meeting held in St. John's Parish Hall here. Other officers elected were Mrs. L. Vandecastey, vice-president; Mrs. D. Corfield, secretary, and Mrs. W. D. Brown.

CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

LANGFORD—The Langford School Christmas concert will be held in the auditorium Thursday at 7.30. A program of plays and recitations has been arranged by the teachers.

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver city council Tuesday endorsed a resolution urging federal amendment of the Criminal Code to permit provinces, or municipalities to hold sweepstakes to raise funds for the building of hospitals or allied institutions.

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Vancouver Asks State-Run Lotteries

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Say Russians Fishing Former Jap Grounds

WASHINGTON (AP)—Governor Mon C. Wallgren of Washington State expressed fear Tuesday for the future of the \$1,000,000 yearly north Pacific fishing industry, saying Russians are fishing waters formerly plied by the Japanese.

The governor headed a west coast group at a meeting with State Secretary Byrnes. Afterward he told reporters he had related that Russian fishermen had moved in where Japanese had left off and he feared old disputes between rival fishing groups might flare anew.

Governor Wallgren said the delegation from the States of Washington, Oregon and California had asked Mr. Byrnes for "highest level" consideration of the situation.

"We had our troubles with the Japanese and now the question may arise with the Russians as to how far they are to go and how far we can go," Governor Wallgren told a reporter.

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U.N. To Confer On Free Information; Funds Voted

NEW YORK (AP)—The United Nations Assembly in its final hours approved unanimously a proposal for a conference of all United Nations members in 1947 on freedom of information.

The Assembly voted \$28,000 for such a conference if it is held at the U.N. headquarters. If it is held elsewhere the conference will cost more, which must be taken from the U.N. working capital fund.

The Economic and Social Council was given authority to decide upon the place and date of the conference, but the resolution provided that it must be held before the end of 1947 to enable the council "to submit a report on the deliberations and recommendations of the conference to the following regular session of the General Assembly."

The resolution provides that the conference "shall formulate its views concerning the rights, obligations and practices which should be included in the concept of the freedom of information."

It also said that delegations to the conference "shall include in each instance persons actually engaged in, or experienced in, press, radio, motion pictures and other media for the dissemination of information."

Vancouver To Make
Woodward Freeman

VANCOUVER (CP)—Hon. W. C. Woodward, a former Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, will be made a freeman of the city of Vancouver next Monday, thus becoming the fifth person to receive that honor. Others are Viscount Bennett of Calgary, Gen. H. D. C. Crerar, Hon. Eric Hamber, another former Lieutenant-Governor, and Prime Minister King.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night called the C.I.O. wage demands in steel, automobile and electrical manufacturing industries a "mirage."

The chamber, which is the largest of industrial organizations, said wages can be increased perhaps as much as 25 per cent without increasing prices.

The first formal reply of business to the report of economist

Robert Nathan — which C.I.O. President Philip Murray said would be used as a guidepost in C.I.O. wage demands in steel, automobile and electrical manufacturing industries — was a "mirage."

Mr. Nathan, a consultant economist formerly prominent in the Roosevelt administration, made the report last week for the C.I.O.

Mr. Jackson said that after the first round of wage increases last spring prices went up despite the argument that wages could be raised 24 per cent without any increase in prices.

"The people of the country now know that this (argument) was not true. And I am convinced that, this time, the public will be hesitant to 'swallow' this new prediction based on the same reasoning as was used before."

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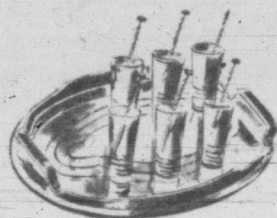
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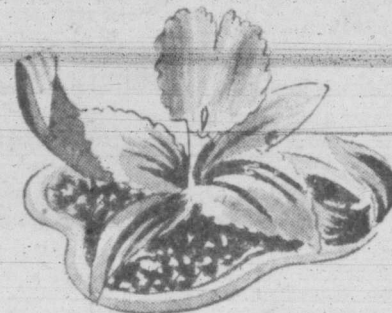
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Defeated Councillor Says Saanich Must Become Democratic

"Democracy will have to come to Saanich," Councillor J. W. Casey, Ward Seven, told the municipal council at its final meeting Tuesday night.

Defeated in the election last Saturday, Councillor Casey explained the stand he took on proposed division of the municipality, a referendum on which was voted down by the ratepayers.

"Maybe I'm sticking my neck out, but I say you're going to get the municipality divided before the end of 1947," the councillor stated.

"It may not be along the Elk Lake line which I suggested to end the strife which has existed on this question. But it will come," he said.

He said the municipality was unwieldy and that the minority controlled the council. There were only three councillors from the inner wards and four from the suburban and rural.

"You've got to have equal representation on the council. Either cut out rural Ward Six, abolish the ward system or give the inner areas more representation," Councillor Casey said.

He hoped that Saanich would progress and that taxes would not be increased without the installation of proper services (sewer and water).

SHOULD SETTLE QUESTION

Councillor George Austin who is retiring as Ward Four representative after 10 years on the council, said he was glad he had backed the holding of the referendum on dividing the municipality.

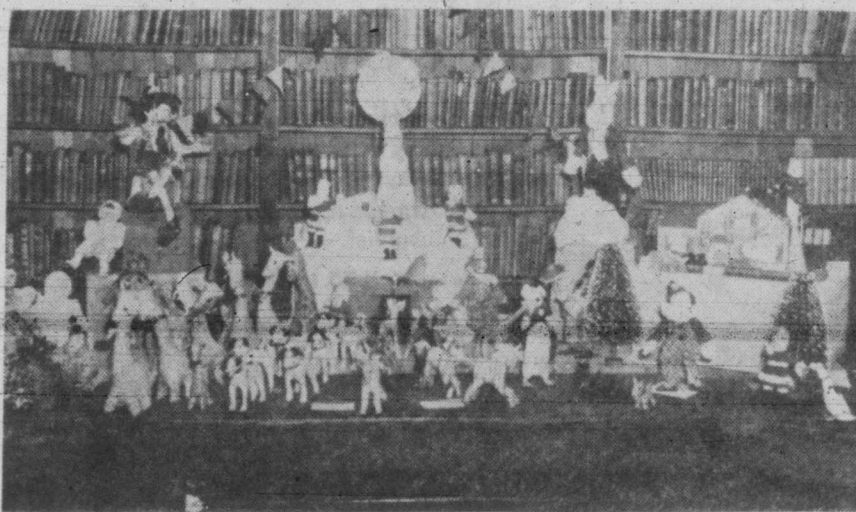
"The people have expressed an opinion and that should settle the matter," he said.

Councillor W. C. Kersey, re-elected councillor of rural Ward Six, said the matter of his ward seceding from the municipality would not be placed before the council by him next year.

"It's up to the Minister of Municipalities now," he said. "He asked for guidance in the matter. The vote of the people should serve as such."

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Night School Toy-Making Class Exhibit



A wealth of pretty and artistic toys, result of the past two and a half months' work on the part of the toy-making class at night school, was on exhibition Tuesday evening in the library at Victoria High School. Recreational activity classes also held displays of their work, as classes closed down for the Christmas holidays. A few more classes will hold final sessions this evening, and then recess until the first week in January, George Anstey, director, announced. Attendance at the classes has set new records this year, with 1,395 registered.

No Chance Of Ontario Signing Tax Agreement

TORONTO (CP) — Premier Drew of Ontario said Tuesday there was not the slightest chance Ontario would sign a Dominion-provincial tax agreement which would "centralize power in the hands of an incompetent government in Ottawa."

So long as he headed the Ontario government, Premier Drew added, no agreement would ever be signed that would give Ottawa "one speck of authority to tell us what we are to do."

He described the federal government as having shown "no sense" in controlling its own purse strings or anyone else's.

Unions Soon To Seek Shipping Act Changes

OTTAWA (CP) — New legislation to improve the lot of Canadian seamen will be sought from the federal government shortly, the marine joint council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada announced after a two-day conference here.

The delegates, spokesmen for about 14,000 seamen, comprised representatives of deck, engineer and radio officers and unlicensed seamen.

Chief job of the conference was preparation of a report to the 120 Danish merchant marine cadets and officers.

orandum to be presented to the Dominion government, asking for changes in the Canada Shipping Act "to bring it up to date and ensure Canadian seamen a Canadian standard of life and the democratic rights enjoyed by other Canadians ashore."

One of the main points sought

will be removal of a "meal tax" paid to the treasury board of seamen's subsistence about ship. Another request will be that subsidies paid by the Canadian government be restricted to companies whose vessels are registered in Canada and manned by Canadian seamen.

5 Die On Gallows; Suicide Attempts By 3 Germans

LETHBRIDGE, Alta (CP) — Four German prisoners of war and a Canadian army veteran were hanged early today on twin gallows in the Lethbridge jail a few hours after three of the Germans had attempted to beat the hangman's noose in an unsuccessful suicide bid. None of the five would make any final statement or request before the traps were sprung.

The German prisoners were hanged for the murder of a fellow-prisoner in a Canadian internment camp while the Canadian, Donald Sherman Staley, 29, paid with his life for the sex slaying of six-year-old Donnie Goss in Calgary last July 24.

Staff Sgt. Maj. Brune Percenowski, 34, and Sgt. Maj. Heinrich Busch, 29, were first to face the executioner. The traps were sprung on them at 10 minutes after midnight, M.S.T.

Sgt. Maj. Will Mueller, 31, and Sgt. Walter Wolf, 29, followed them to the gallows 32 minutes later.

Staley, a native of Bracebridge, Ont., was hanged at 1:05 a.m., M.S.T.

Shortly before the procession to the scaffolds started, prison officials disclosed that Percenowski, Mueller and Busch had tried

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unsuccessfully to end their own lives. The men, convicted along with Wolf for the murder of Cpl. Karl Lehmann in the Medicine Hat prisoner-of-war camp Sept. 10, 1944, slashed their wrists and arms with pieces of razor blades.

Prison officials said they believed the blades had been smuggled into the jail concealed in books borrowed by the men from the prisoner-of-war camp here.

The attempt was discovered almost immediately by alert guards. All three lost a considerable amount of blood, officials said.

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Prompt Treatment Acts As TB. Curb

Tuberculosis can be reduced by early case finding and prompt treatment, Dr. T. W. Walker, medical superintendent of Royal Jubilee Hospital, said today in giving support to the annual T.B. Christmas Seal Campaign.

It is through the purchase of seals that the public can take a personal part in the great war against one of the leading killers of young people.

"The X-ray is the only method of early and accurate diagnosis," Dr. Walker said, noting that the sale of seals helps finance the mobile X-ray units equipped for mass examination of the public.

350 Guerrillas Surrender In Greece

ATHENS (AP)—A summary of official reports today disclosed more than 350 guerrillas had surrendered in northern Greece in the last 48 hours, coming down from snow-laden mountains where they said scores of their fellows were dying from sub-zero weather and lack of food.

The sharp increase in the number of reported surrenders followed an intensive leaflet-dropping campaign by 3rd Army Corps planes. The leaflets stressed the deadline for surrender, an amnesty offer, was Dec. 21.

Broke, Sick, Thought Last Of Christmas

SEATTLE (AP)—Christmas must have been in Fred Buchanan's heart during his last hours—and some other remembrances.

At 58, he had been ill, out of work and had no known close friends. But when his crumpled body was lifted from a sidewalk under a hotel window last week, they found a store receipt in his pocket: "One child's wagon, red. \$9.95. Paid."

Also a freight forwarding receipt showing he had paid \$1 to have it delivered to a two and one-half-year-old Alvin Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Anderson, Bremerton. And a State Welfare Department notice that he could draw welfare

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Ottawa Clarifies Bonus Tax Rules

OTTAWA (CP)—Employers were warned by the federal government today that the validity of Christmas and New Year bonuses to employees and pay increases retroactive beyond Dec. 1 would be scrutinized for possible disallowance as income tax reductions.

Hon. J. J. McCann, revenue minister and acting labor minister, announced the National War Labor Board would investigate bonuses and raises when requested by income tax authorities to determine if they exceed "what is reasonable and normal."

Under the wage decontrol or-

der of Nov. 30, labor department controls on wage increases after that date were removed. However, the Income War Tax Act continues to permit tax officials to disallow such expenses as tax deductions if they are considered out of line for the business carried on by the employer.

Some increases going back beyond Dec. 1 will be permitted, Dr. McCann said. These would be in cases where negotiations had been in progress between an employer and his employees and agreement had been reached, but where there had not been time to apply to a war labor board between the date of agreement and Nov. 30.

2 Mercy Flights

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two men were admitted to hospitals here last Tuesday following mercy flights from Canada points and fast ambulance trips from the city's airport.

Albert E. Baird, 21-year-old logger, was flown from Britain River on Jervis Inlet following an accident in which he suffered a possible fracture of the skull. His condition was reported good.

Paul Neilson, 26, taken ill aboard a ship in the Gulf Islands, was flown by Queen Charlotte Airways to the Sea Island Airport and brought to a hospital. His condition also was reported good.

Tells Republicans He Seeks Nomination



HAROLD E. STASSEN
...wants progressive program.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harold E. Stassen, 39-year-old former Governor of Minnesota, served notice today on the old guard in his party that he will seek the Republican Presidential nomination in 1948.

Making this announcement, he said he would present a "definite, constructive and progressive" program and work with Republican majorities in Congress to steer the party along a "truly liberal path."

His main interest at first, he said, would be to develop new labor legislation based on "voluntary" methods to prevent strikes but seeking to "break up monopolies and dictatorships" in unions. He mentioned the United Mine Workers in this particular and said that if the coal miners had taken a secret ballot, as he favors, there would have been no coal strike.

Stassen's announcement came shortly after Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan had announced he would not be a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Both Vandenberg and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio now have said they are not candidates, but they have left the door open for possible draft movements. Taft in Atlanta, Ga., said Monday he was not a candidate at this time.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, 1944 party standard-bearer and expected to be a serious contender again in 1948, remained silent on the Stassen and Vandenberg declarations. A press secretary in Albany sent word to reporters: "No comment."



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Personal Notes

Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Ptak, 1003 Richmond Road, have had as their guests during the past few days, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Oakley, Bogota, Colombia, South America.

Members of the Queen Alexandra Solarium board of directors and their wives attending the Christmas pantomime at the Royal Theatre Tuesday evening, were the president, Walter Loney, Alderman and Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Henderson, and Mrs. George S. Brown.

On the occasion of her ninth birthday, Miss Patricia Milliken, 1742 Hampshire Road, entertained Friday. Her guests were Maxine, Aubel, Susan Burnett, Gerry Grubb, Noel Grubb, Claudia Gelling, Anne Hinde, June Holland, Mary Hughes, Patricia Jones, Betty Karvelis, Winifred Lockhead, Lois Ogden, Elaine Patterson, Joyce Stonehouse, Billy Milliken, and her mother, aunt and grandmother, Mesdames W. Milliken, C. Haggard and G. Brothers.

Miss Pamela Greenhill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenhill, Hampshire Road, returned today after an extended trip in eastern Canada and United States.

Rear-Admiral E. R. Mainguy, O.B.E., R.C.N., and Mrs. Mainguy will entertain again tonight at Admirals House, H.M.C. Dockyard, with a dinner party. Covers will be laid for 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hyslop and baby David have arrived from Simcoe, Ont., to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Hyslop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Yarrow, Four Bay Road.

Capt. J. L. Houghton, C.B.E., R.C.N., commanding officer, H.M.C.S. Warrior, with officers of the wardroom, entertained Tuesday evening aboard the aircraft carrier at a reception to which over 200 guests were invited.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. B. Ker were honored Tuesday evening in Vancouver, when Hon. E. W. Hamber and Mrs. Hamber entertained at dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Ker are in the mainland city to meet their daughter, Miss Elspeth Ker, returning from school in eastern Canada.

A Christmas dinner party was held by members of Miss Doris Bagshaw's Public Speaking Class, Monday, at the Kit Kat. Toasts and speeches were given by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nordquist, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brown, Mrs. F. Hillier, Mrs. Marguerite Hodgins, Mrs. M. J. Turnbull, Miss Betty Prangnell and Mr. Arthur Sherwin.

Island Highway Notes

Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, Port Alberni, was a weekend visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McKenzie, Langford.

Mrs. Lathan Jensen, who has been visiting Mrs. L. M. Evans, Colwood, left with her young son, Lynn, Monday by plane to rejoin her husband, Lt. L. Jensen at Halifax.

Mr. Mervyn Brown, a student at University of British Columbia, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Brown, "Winona Lodge," Langford Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Glen, Island Highway, Langford, entertained with a surprise party in honor of her daughter, Miss Winnifred Bown, who returned to Canada recently on the Queen Elizabeth. Miss Bown was aboard the Athenia when she was torpedoed early in the war and has been in England ever since.

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A classified advertisement sold 800 bushels of peaches after one insertion in the local daily newspaper.

Arrives From Nelson To Visit Parents Over Holiday



Mrs. W. C. Phillips, pictured above with her two-and-a-half-year-old son, Lynn, is following her usual custom of spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Patton, 50 Howe Street. Mr. Phillips joined his family here this week. They will return to their home in Nelson after the Christmas season.

Prominent Families To Unite At St. Paul's Naval Church

The marriage will be solemnized with impressive dignity, early this evening, at St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church, Esquimalt, of Marjorie Winifred, elder daughter of Capt. W. J. R. Beech and Mrs. Beech, 1075 St. David Street, and Lieut. Peter Gerald May, R.C.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. May, "Dunmore," Saanich. Canon H. H. Creal is officiating minister.

The service, fully choral, will be performed before a massed arrangement of yellow and white chrysanthemums, placed at the altar and chancel rails by the Misses Frances Prite, Catherine Angus, Sue Baker and Joy Phillips. C. F. Boulter will preside at the organ.

Escorted into the church by her father, the bride will wear a picture gown of white taffeta with full skirt, fitted bodice featuring an off-the-shoulder line, fine net yoke and tiny puffed sleeves.

Completing the lovely picture will be her mother's wedding veil and a handsome of orange blossoms and a shower bouquet of white roses and white heather.

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Similarly styled to the bridal model, with the same off-the-shoulder period neckline, will be the turquoise crepe frocks of Miss Patricia Beard, maid of honor, Miss Hilda Soulsby and Miss Catherine Angus, bridesmaids. Dutch caps of matching lace and bouquets of pale pink snapdragons and carnations will complete their ensembles.

Six-year-old, Jocelyn Beech, the bride's sister, will precede the party as flower girl, wearing a pink taffeta period frock, a wreath of pink forget-me-nots in her hair and carrying a Colonial bouquet.

James May has been chosen by his brother as best man with Lieut. D. M. Waters, Lieut. C. Pratt and David Beech, brother of the bride as ushers.

As the young couple leave the church a guard of honor will be formed of fellow officers of the bridegroom aboard H.M.C.S. Crescent, under the command of Lt. Cmdr. T. Nixon.

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Junior League Meeting Held

Miss Beth Walker reported at a meeting of Solarium Junior League that a sum of \$300 was collected for the Solarium at the carol service sponsored by Victoria Recreational Council. Miss Irma Dunn also reported a sum of \$95 received from the checking booth at various Hiker attractions.

Miss Peggy Wharton presided. Miss Marjorie Laird reported that a group of members and friends visited the Solarium last Sunday to decorate rooms for Christmas. Miss Elsie Foster said penny boxes had yielded a sum of \$41.

Plans were made for the snow ball to be held Dec. 26. Next meeting will be held Jan. 6 at the home of Miss Beth Walker, and will take the form of a white elephant party.

Victoria Ambulance Division, No. 65, meets Thursday. All ranks are asked to attend for signatures of annual returns.

Esquimalt W.M.S. — A meeting of Esquimalt Women's Missionary Society was held in the Sunday School hall when the program took the form of a candle-lighting ceremony. Mesdames W. Brown, W. J. Parry, J. A. Wheely and G. L. Gillard in costume, represented East Indian women. Mesdames J. Corrie, J. Wood, A. H. Steele and W. Walker, took the part of Canadians. All officers were re-elected for 1947.

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Munday's
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Two American newspaper reporters recently solved the mystery of a kidnapping while the F.B.I. and local investigators were off on another track.

P.T.A. News

James Bay — Prizes were given to lucky winners at James Bay P.T.A. whist drive held recently. Mrs. Ball convoked the affair assisted by Mesdames A. M. Anderson, G. McNutt, and H. G. Yetman.

Esquimalt — A sum of \$231.80 was realized at Esquimalt P.T.A. Christmas bazaar held at Lampson Street school. Mrs. Rollo Mainy opened the affair and was presented with a corsage bouquet of pink carnations. Pupils of Miss Wynne Shaw highlighted the program during tea hour. Stalls were under the convenship of Mrs. D. Burns, novelties; Mrs. J. Bark, superfluities; Mrs. A. Corry, home cooking; Mr. H. Donnard, children's show; Mrs. M. Rumsby, holly; Mrs. J. Hunter, tea tickets; Mesdames R. Saunders, W. Nutter, F. Sturrock, Brown, and Miss E. Briggs, boxes of chance; Mrs. E. M. Dixon, program; Mrs. L. Hobday, general convener.

For curved brows try mascara instead of pencil—only to centre of brow.

Engagements

Announcements to appear under this heading will be accepted at the Times Advertising Department. Minimum charge \$1.50 for 10 lines, and 10c for each additional line.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Weeks announce the engagement of their niece, Catherine Agnes, only daughter of Mr. C. A. Weeks, San Francisco, and the late Mrs. Weeks, to Mr. Allen Ford Merrill, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Merrill, Regina, Sask. The wedding will take place quietly Dec. 31, 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Norris, 2595 Central Avenue, announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Elsa Elizabeth Hart, to Geoffrey Ian Raymond, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holyhead, Bournemouth, England. The wedding to take place on Jan. 18, 1947, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock.

Girl Guide Notes

Tillamook—Sheila McIntyre received her first service star at the Christmas party of the Tillamook Pack. Six Brownies, Jean Clark, Ellen and Mary Gibson, Betty Bone, Grace Dyson and Dawn Sammons were enrolled. Games were played, winners being Sheila McIntyre and Roselea Pearson. Afternoon tea was served to parents.

Club Calendar

Canadian Daughters' League, Assembly No. 5, Christmas party, Thursday evening at K. of P. Hall. Speaker, Dr. Henrietta Anderson.

First United W.M.S.—First United Women's Missionary Society met in the church with the president, Mrs. A. Chisholm in the chair. Reports were read and life membership certificates presented to two members. Mrs. James Walker and Mrs. D. Earl. A Christmas candlelight service was enacted by several members stressing the need for greater service and devotion to the missionary cause. Mrs. H. A. McLeod installed officers for the ensuing year.

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Your presence will be in demand during this festive season, and up-to-the-minute hair styles will need a little preparation. Try creating an original effect with your luscious locks. Vigorous brushing of your hair may yield an inspiration for a new hair-do. To find ideas you have to give your hair a good tousling and coax out all sorts of effects with your brush.

Returning after a wartime absence are small supplies of human hair on which some stylists are turning loose their pent-up talents. Blown hair pieces can turn short bobs into elegant coiffures. Examples are the crown-to-nape swirl, upper left; braided coronet, upper right; and the sleek puffs, below.

The girl with short locks who regrets having cropped her crowning glory can put it back on with hair pieces that pin on, look as real as her eyebrows, and are as fashionable this winter as a feather hat.

As do movie stars, who wear undetectable pins for versatile and time-saving coils, any girl can now add a matching bang, braid, twisted chignon, fancy topknot, a discreet puff, or a crown-to-nape swirl. Hair pieces called a "falls," which is almost exclusively designed for the young thing. In varying lengths—and long enough to sit upon, if she likes—the "falls" is made on a band of web. This

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Christmas Concert At High School Scores Great Hit

The Victoria High School concert, produced by the school music groups, was well-received by a large audience in the High School Auditorium last night.

Proceeding the program, the High School Orchestra under Al Prescott rendered selections. The mixed choir of 250 voices opened the program with the singing of well-known Christmas carols. Aileen Smyth was soloist in the singing of Adam's "Cantique de Noel." Beverley Bugslag as soprano and Vera Williamson as alto, blended well together in the selection "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Alan Keyworth, president of the Boys' Glee Club, gave special thanks to the untiring efforts of Miss Norma Douglas, director of the concert, and Miss Evelyn Prisk, piano accompanist, and presented each with a handsome bouquet.

Johnny Boel sang two Irish tunes, the first being the popular "Londonderry Air." He was well-received by the audience and sang his second number again as an encore.

With the Girls' chorus accompanying her, Pamela Newton sang the opening chorus from "The Arcadians," by Talbot as a solo. Miss Newton displayed a rich mellow tone.

Aileen Smyth, dressed in a pretty blue bonnet and flaming gown, and Art Wilkinson received applause for their duet, "The Kerp of Heaven," from an old English county song.

Boys' Glee Club presented two rousing numbers, "Salaam," by Lang and "Wandering on the Sea," by Gordon Young and Don Smyth were soloists.

MUSICAL PLAY IS FEATURE
Feature of the program, "The Maid of the Mill," a musical play, was presented next with Rod Nixon, Students' Council president, and Joan Booth, also on the Students' Council, taking the leading parts. Supporting these two were Harry Frackson, John Boel, Viola Berrow and John Mackie, as well as many others in the chorus. Alan Millar and Don Elliot directed the operetta, while Tom Sewell was in charge of scenery.

A skit entitled "Clementine," was next on the program, presented by the grade 10 boys. Bruce Madeley was cast to take the part of "Little Sister."

The fantasy "Avon Town," presented Lyle Russell as the "Dreamer" with members of the Boys' Glee Club as pirates. The sparkling dances were Joyce Colard, Joyce Hemsley, Joyce Simmons, Marnie Wilson, Barbara Richards, Shirley Johnson, Aileen Smyth, Joan Churchill, Helena Hunkin and Patsy Hood.

Next item was a "Hungarian Dance," presented by Victor Duret. The young dancer drew large applause.

Last item of the concert was very colorful with Pamela Newton as soloist and Hugh Sutherland as the clown. Doreen Bull and Nancy Anders displayed keen ability as the tumblers with Dot Ratledge, the balloon juggler. Dancers in this number were: Betty Bervik, Jean Elliot, Anita Green, Shirley Bowcott, Anetta Cole, Eve Harvey, Lola Morris, Diane Parsons, Barbara Bradley, Inez McLeod, Sibbie Hallam and Grace Atkins. A ballet dance, "Cribbitin'" by Pestalozza featured June Day and Melville Mendum.

Between acts, Joan Amisan rendered violin selections accompanied by Miss Prisk at the piano. A repeat performance will be given tonight at 8:15.

Steps To Avoid Holiday Fires

City Fire Chief Joseph Raymond today called for support from residents of five precautions against fire over the holiday season.

"Christmas trees and decorations are major fire hazards. Care must be taken if a merry Christmas is not to be turned into a time of tragedy," the chief said. He listed the five precautions as follows:

Keep Christmas trees fireproof and at the same time fresh by cutting off butt at an angle at least an inch above the original cut, and place the but in a container of water.

Keep trees away from stoves, radiators or other sources of heat. Do not use candles for decorations on trees. Use only electric lights and keep them away from inflammable decorations; also inspect lighting cords. Fuses of proper size should be obtained so that if the system becomes overloaded, the fuse will blow out, thus avoiding a fire.

Make decorations fireproof in all dance halls, clubs and other places of public safety; also mark exits clearly.

Contact the fire department for advice on fireproofing.

Union Asks Vote On Public Transit

Victoria Labor Council (C.C.L.) will ask the City Council to hold a referendum on public ownership of a unified transportation system for Greater Victoria before further negotiations with the B.C. Electric for a franchise.

This action was decided at a meeting Tuesday night of the labor council. The unionists decided to call a citizens' transportation conference early in the new year. The call will go to all organizations within Victoria and the adjoining municipalities. The council secretary was in-

structed to write Mayor P. E. George, of Victoria and the reeves of Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt asking that negotiations be suspended.

The letter said that until such time as all citizens have been given an opportunity to express themselves on the feasibility of publicly-owned unified transportation, no further consideration should be given the B.C.E.R. bid for the franchise.

German Conductor Acquitted Of Nazism

BERLIN (AP)—Wilhelm Furtwaengler, Germany's No. 1 orchestra conductor whom United States military government cul-

Turkeys Top Prizes At Kiwanis Luncheon

Twelve turkeys headed the list of prizes given away at the annual Kiwanis prize-giving held in the Empress Hotel ballroom Tuesday.

In aid of the Kiwanis Objectives and Charity Fund, 90 prizes

were distributed to club members and guests. Besides the turkeys, ash trays, vases, table mirrors, stationery, Christmas cards, lamps and other prizes were awarded.

One Vancouver member will be able to catch up on the latest news from the Capital City as he receives a six-months' free subscription to the Victoria Daily Times. Consolation prizes were also drawn.

Turkey winners were: Norm Ingeldev, Walter Walker, Ed Whyte, Ernie Foot, Ernie Butler, Jack Langdon, Bill Hamilton, Vic Leigh, Ches Chesnut, George Bridgman and T. Wakson, a visitor from Ottawa. Sonny Walker, won a vase.

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Engineers Suggest Lake Level Lowering

KELOWNA (CP)—A joint board of engineers, studying flood conditions in the Kelowna district turned in a report containing sweeping recommendations for flood control.

The report calls for a lowering of the level of Okanagan Lake, a large amount of dredging for navigable access to existing car-transfer slips and ferry wharves and widening of the Okanagan River channel between Okanagan and Osoyoos Lake. The proposed improvements would cost close to \$1,700,000.

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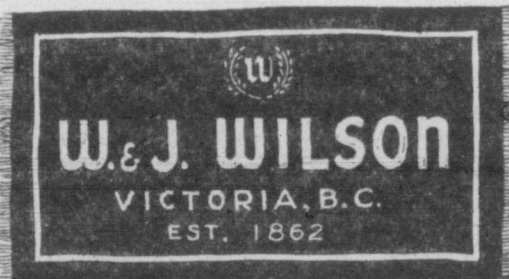
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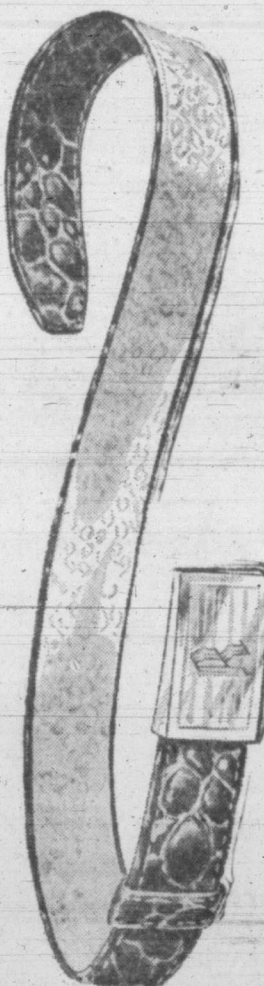
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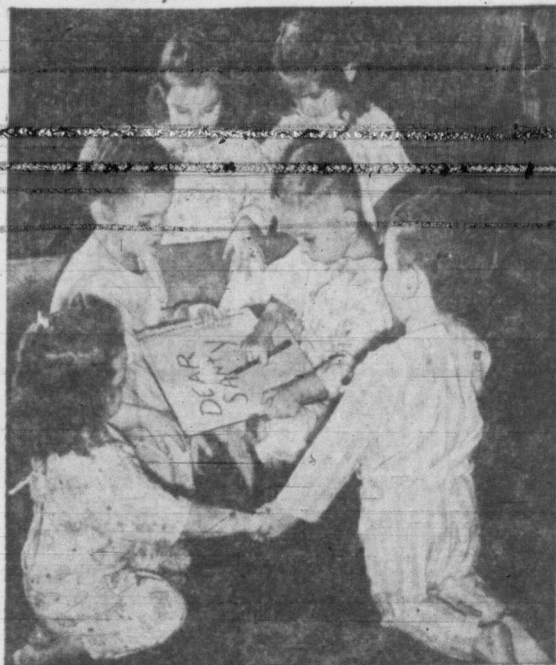
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Santa Claus Beating Toy Swords Into Plowshares For Canadians

By Canadian Press
A peacetime casualty, the criticism-riddled toy soldier tottered on his modelling clay battlefield today with all his trappings of miniature war as pre-Christmas buying indicated Santa Claus is beating his juvenile swords back into plowshares.

"We couldn't give away a toy tank today," said the manager of one Brantford, Ont., store. His words were echoed in varying degree by dealers across Canada as a survey by the Canadian Press showed huge demand for mechanical toys like trains and autos, wooden pieces like wagons and sail boats and plastic toys.

QUALITY IMPROVES
With some exceptions, dealers reported toys of better quality than during the war years and in good to excellent supply, although shortages of rubber, paper, cloth and steel made themselves felt in some lines. Prices were reported lower on such toys as were available last year mainly because cheaper lines were harder to sell with the return of better quality toys. Slightly higher prices for the latter category did nothing to hamper brisk sales. Some centres reported lower prices because of competition.

Here is how Santa Claus fares: Halifax reported bid demand

for metal and mechanical toys, cooking sets, plastic dishes, dolls and doll carriages also in good demand. Some war toys still good sellers.

Charlottetown reported prices for quality toys slightly lower than last year, with airplane models, target games and engineer sets popular with boys, dolls, household articles in miniatures liked by girls. Good supplies of all these. Similar reports came out of New Brunswick. In Ontario, Canadian toy-makers were said to be producing more items this year than ever before. Prices in Toronto were higher for dolls imported from England and metal toys from the United States. Supplies reached an all-time high at Toronto. Other Ontario cities had similar reports.

Reports from the west were much the same as in eastern Canada. Mechanical and fret-work toys from England were selling well and department stores had better selections than in years.

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McBride, McDougall Pace Hockey Scorers

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Despite his failure to pick up a single point in three games last week, Roy McBride, centre for the San Diego Skyhawks, continues to hold the individual scoring lead in the southern division of the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey League, statistics released by Al Leader, managing director of the circuit, showed today.

McBride remained stationary at 47 points, scored on 13 goals and 34 assists, but lost ground to Ralph (Bucky) Buchanan, of the San Francisco Shamrocks, who boosted himself into second place during the week. Buchanan, leading the southern division in the number of goals scored, has 40 points, tallied on 30 goals and 10 assists.

Ab McDougall of the Vancouver Canucks, likewise stayed in front of the northern division scorers and now has 45 points scored on 33 goals and 12 assists to lead Bill Robinson, Seattle wingman, with 16 goals and 24 assists, good for 40 points.

Argentina Gives Meat To Britons

LONDON (AP)—Each of Britain's 40,000,000 citizens next month will receive a gift of meat from Argentina valued at five pence (about 10 cents).

The Food Ministry announced that in the week beginning Jan. 12, each purchaser will be given a rebate of five pence when he buys his weekly ration of one shilling four pence.

President Peron of Argentina announced at the signing of the recent Anglo-Argentine agreement that his country would send a meat gift to the British people as a gesture of friendship. Prime Minister Attlee responded with a formal expression of thanks.

The Food Ministry said supplies would not allow the use of the meat as an addition to the ration, and devised the rebate scheme. Argentina had hoped the gifts would arrive by Christmas, but this was not possible, the ministry said.

Sanich Briefs

A report that it would cost \$2,500 to remedy dangerous conditions existing on Cedar Hill Road 300 yards north of Pear Street, near the new district school, was referred to next year's council by the Saanich Council at its final meeting Tuesday night.

A recommendation also will be made to the incoming council to vote \$834 toward the cost of improving the tea room at Mount Douglas Park and providing permanent living quarters there for a caretaker.

Applications will be accepted immediately for position of fireman on the municipal force.

Application of a resident for a permit to raise mink on Simpson Road will be considered.

A letter from the Board of School Trustees of Greater Victoria asking for assistance in obtaining priorities for building material so that new schools in the municipality can be completed, was received and filed. "No priorities" will be needed after the New Year," commented Councillor J. W. Casey.

A report on sanitation conditions at Verdier Park on the

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Reunion Here

A happy reunion, featured by reminiscences of highlights of their lives in the yesteryears, took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hilton, 1157 Burdett Avenue, when Mrs. J. Bland met

her brother, Alfred Tristram, for the first time in 26 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland are paying an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hilton. They arrived in Victoria following an Atlantic crossing on the liner Queen Elizabeth from the United Kingdom.

The visitors were greatly impressed with the winter scenes in the Canadian Rockies.

Rationing in England, Mrs. Bland said, was severe, "but few complain." She said the situation,

Field Pea Crop Reduced By Blight

WINNIPEG (CP)—Scientists from the Dominion laboratory of plant pathology at Winnipeg told the annual conference of Manitoba agronomists here Tuesday that nearly half the field pea

as many Canadians remember it, was much the same as during the war years.

crop, one of Manitoba's newest crops, estimated at \$1,425,000, is suffering from bacterial blight.

A large part of the crop, in concentrated form, is being sent to Europe as relief food.

The sunflower crop also was threatened by disease, the three-day conference was told. Although the pea crop problem could be solved by the use of bacteria-free seed, wilt-resistant sunflower was at present unknown.



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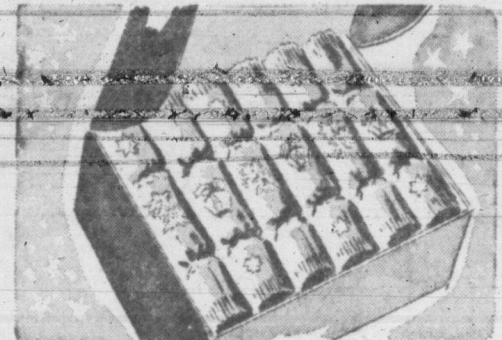
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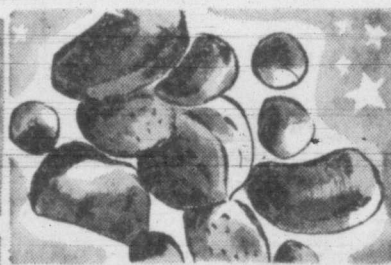
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One Inch Of Snow Fell Overnight

Victorians awoke to find the outside world blanketed in white this morning as a result of the one-inch of snow that fell after midnight.

The weather forecast for the next 36 hours from William Burton, Gonzales Hill Observatory, does not call for more snow after mid-day. The flurries predicted for the morning were to become rain showers this afternoon. Thursday's forecast is overcast in the morning and becoming cloudy in the afternoon.

Winds were light today, but were predicted to reach 30 m.p.h. southwest tomorrow.

The temperature dropped to a low of 30 overnight. The forecast is for milder weather to night, a 35 minimum. The top reading for Thursday is 40, or four degrees higher than Tuesday's maximum recording. Vancouver Island Coach Lines is maintaining its up-island schedules, although some icy and close-packed snow conditions have forced the use of chains.

The forecast calls for Vancouver, Georgia Strait and the island's west coast to get intermittent rain and snow during the next 36 hours.

W.T.P.B. Charge

Norman Manson, proprietor of the English Delicatessen store, 765 Fort Street, was fined \$75 and costs on his conviction in city police court today of a Wartime Prices and Trade Board charge that he offered foodstuffs for sale at prices above the ceiling.

One argument of Manson's defence was that he believed his produce was of better quality than that of other delicatessen shops in town.

Freighter Makes Port With 25 Feet Of Water In Hold

With 25 feet of water in her No. 4 hold, the Chinese owned freighter Yu Chung, the former Alaska freighter Derblay, coal laden from Nanaimo to Tsingtao, China, put back to Victoria at 2 this morning for survey and repairs.

Tired out by a long vigil on the bridge, Capt. Gabriel Axelsen, after safely berthing his ship alongside the Ogden Point docks here, retired to his cabin to get some much-needed sleep.

The 3,457-ton ship is in no danger and is on an even keel. A survey will be immediately conducted to determine the extent of the damage.

First, however, the coal cargo will have to be removed from the ship's hold, after which the vessel will be drydocked. Chief Mate Konrad L. Helberg, who also acts as radio operator, told of the discovery of the leak in No. 4 hold. He is a Stavanger man with a record of 23 years' sea service.

ENGINEER NOTICED IT

Johan Petersen, first assistant engineer, first noticed the leak while on watch, Mate Helberg said. "He saw the water coming through the sounding pipe located in the shaft alley and this led to the discovery of the leakage in the hold," the mate said. "We are certainly glad this did not happen in mid-ocean."

Formerly the Derblay, the Yu Chung was being taken across the Pacific for delivery to her new owners in China when the

leak in her hold developed. The vessel had been purchased by Shanghai interests for the China coastal trade.

The ship was loaded with 4,337 short tons of B.C.-mined coal, taken on at Nanaimo. She was well off shore, bound for the Far East, when the leak was discovered at 4.45 Tuesday morning. Capt. Axelsen decided it would be best to return to this port in the interest of safety and immediately turned his ship around and set a direct course for Victoria.

PUMPS PUT IN PLAY

The chief mate said the crew of 23, mostly Norwegians, was put on the alert. The lifeboats were made ready in case they were needed. The pumps were put into play.

No Four hold had 450 tons of coal stowed and the mate estimated there was 25 feet of water in it at one time, or about a foot from the 'tween deck. With the pumps continually at work, the water was about two feet below the 'tween deck this morning.

Mate Helberg said that while he believed the leak was due to sprung plates below the waterline, the exact trouble could not be determined until the coal had been taken out. The freighter, which has a maximum speed of nine and a half to 10 knots, averaged pretty close to eight knots in making the run for Victoria.

The ship will be repaired here before again setting out for the Orient.

Lay Keel For \$2,000,000 Ship For Port Angeles-Victoria Run

Dignitaries from Victoria, Port Angeles, Port Townsend and Seattle Tuesday witnessed the laying of the final section of the keel of a \$2,000,000 ferry boat which the Puget Sound Navigation Co. expects to put on the Victoria-Port Townsend-Port Angeles run by about June 1.

Victoria officials attending the ceremony, which was preceded by a special luncheon at Olympic Hotel, included Mayor J. W. Holmes, president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce; George W. Warren, managing secretary of the chamber; and Mrs. Warren, and George Paulin, Victoria agent of the ferry company, and Mrs. Paulin.

In his luncheon address, Capt. Alex. M. Peabody, president of the ferry company, gave details of the new vessel. She will be 318 feet long, have a 62½-foot beam and a draft of 13 feet.

DIESEL-ELECTRIC POWER

The power will be diesel electric, consisting of four diesel generating sets delivering their power through reduction gears to two shafts, each having 2,400 horsepower. The twin screws are backed by twin rudders, giving the maximum manoeuvring

ability and a minimum of resistance. Her lines and her power are worked out to give a cruising speed of 18½ knots in ordinary weather.

Passenger accommodation will be sufficient for over 900 persons and there will be spacious lounges and covered promenade decks. Stateroom facilities, located on three decks, will sleep 208 persons in de luxe, super-duxe and cabin-type rooms, all of which will be equipped with complete lavatories and refrigerators. Another feature is the installation of air upper berths, and all rooms will be equipped with twin beds.

Dining-room facilities will accommodate 120 persons and are located at the after end of the boat deck, giving a complete panorama of Puget Sound scenery. Space has been provided on the main deck for 100 vehicles. The question of safety has been given very serious consideration and, in marine language, she is a two-compartment ship, which means three compartments must be flooded before a sinking condition could occur. All materials used in construction will be completely fireproofed and when ready for operation, the ferry will be equipped with the latest navigating devices, including radar.

General Reserve Canceled In B.C.

A general reserve, placed on all vacant Crown lands in British Columbia on Dec. 16, 1943, holding them for soldier settlement purposes, will be removed Dec. 31.

The order-in-council approving the removal of the reserve was passed Tuesday by the provincial cabinet.

The reserve applied to "all vacant Crown lands throughout the province, except town lots,

foreshore lands, and lands covered with water, and also such lands as may be applied for by pre-emption in cases where it is considered the disposal of such lands will not adversely affect the purposes of the reserve."

A considerable quantity of land, subject to the reserve, has been sold by the province, an order-in-council being necessary for each sale.

Lands and Forests Minister E. T. Kenney had announced in the provincial Legislature last spring that the reserve would be removed at the year's end if no action were taken by the Dominion government to use the land for soldier settlement purposes.

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Mackenzie Silent On Probe Of Braefoot

An investigation of the Braefoot estate Veterans' Land Act homes by Veterans' Affairs Minister Ian Mackenzie appeared unlikely today.

In Vancouver last week it was reported the minister might come to Victoria to study the houses about which complaints of faulty construction and high costs have been made. It was said Mr. Mackenzie if he made the investigation would come here before returning to Ottawa Dec. 19.

Officials of the Veterans' Land Act and Soldier Settlement here had had no word from Mr. Mackenzie today.

Landlord Wins Case

Judge H. H. Shandley, in a judgment handed down in County Court today, upheld the case of J. Trenchard-Clark, landlord, against tenants of a three-room apartment on Yates Street.

The judge accepted the evidence of Mr. Trenchard-Clark who sought an order to take possession of his apartment on the grounds that the tenants had not paid rent since the day they had taken over the premises on Dec. 1, 1945. Frank Higgins was counsel for the plaintiff.

Lived Here 32 Years

Funeral service will be held from McCall Bros. Friday at 3, for Edwin Robinson Atherton of 613 Harbinger Avenue, who died at Royal Jubilee Hospital Tuesday. Mr. Atherton, was a native of Fredericton, N.B., and had resided in Victoria for the past 32 years. One son, William Alfred, and two daughters, Catharine and Mrs. Raymond Parfitt, of this city, also two sisters in New Westminster, survive.

Rev. Canon H. H. Creed will officiate at the funeral with interment at Royal Oak.

Driver In Three-Car Accident Fined \$40

John Gibbs was fined \$40 or six days in jail and his driver's license was suspended for three months when he pleaded guilty in city police court today to a dangerous driving charge.

Prosecutor Claude L. Harrison said Gibbs' car skidded on an oncoming car on Gorge Road on the night of Dec. 13, then hit another car and a pedestrian.

Hours for Christmas shoppers will be affected by the Liquor Control Board. Stores will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

British Paintings, Sculpture, On Exhibit Here, Significant

By AUDREY ST. D. JOHNSON

One of the most important exhibitions yet to be shown at the Little Centre on Yates Street was officially opened Tuesday night by Sir Robert Holland, with over 200 present.

The exhibition consists of paintings and sculpture from Great Britain and includes many remarkable canvases and statues from the hands of some of the British Isles' most illustrious artists. These are mainly contemporary, although there are three or four "old masters" in the group.

Sir Robert explained that these works of art form part of a permanent collection owned by the International Business Machines Corporation, and are the personal property of the president, Thomas J. Watson, who in 1938 first conceived the idea of bringing the worlds of business and of art closer together.

Mr. Watson feels that the most important thing at this time is the holding-together closely of the ties between the United States, Canada and the British Empire. He thinks it is the only hope for the world, and that it is through the eyes of artists that people can see and appreciate the respective culture of the nations of the world.

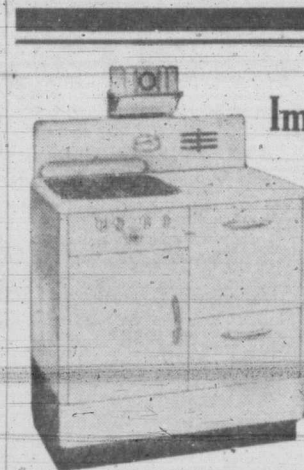
The enterprise which he started prior to the war, in a small way, is now developed into something much bigger and of an unexpected significance and importance, Sir Robert continued.

CHOSEN IN LONDON

The "present collection was chosen in London by Sir Charles and Lady Tennison for the purpose of showing current trends of paintings and sculpture in the British Isles.

After the collection has fulfilled its engagements in Canadian museums and galleries, it will return to the United States for exhibition in many cities.

To attempt adequately to describe, or evaluate these works is a task much beyond the average viewer. They have already been selected for certain qualities and are representative of some of the finest and most characteristic traits, or some particular phase of development, of a number of



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Daily Tortures At Hongkong Camp

TOKYO (AP)—Brutal beatings and tortures of prisoners of war were a daily occurrence during Japanese occupation of Hongkong, charge more than a score of affidavits introduced today at the International War Crimes Trial. They also said rations and medicine were scarce.

Japanese in charge of P.O.W. and civilian internment camps at Hongkong rifled Red Cross packages and stole supplies intended for starving British, other affidavits declared.

Near the end of the war, prisoners heard rumors that the Japanese planned to massacre all prisoners when the first Allied troops set foot on Japanese soil, testified a Canadian army chaplain, Capt. James Barrett. He said the rumors were spread around the camps.

Not Wanted In Sarawak.

SINGAPORE (AP)—The British government in Sarawak announced today that Anthony

Brooke, former Crown Prince and pretender to the throne, had been prohibited from entering Sarawak to "ensure the present peaceful state of the country."

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When you stop, apply brakes lightly and intermittently. Jamming may lock them and throw your car into dangerous skid.

Be sure you can stop in time in emergency. Ice may lurk in shaded area of otherwise clear road.

'Claudia And David' At Royal Tomorrow

John Sutton's first postwar role, that of the unwitting cause of Robert Young's jealousy in "Claudia and David," new 20th Century-Fox hit opening tomorrow at the Royal Theatre, has a special significance. It marks the first time John has worked under the direction of Walter Lang, the man who started his film career.

It all began when John, returning from China to his home in England, stopped off in Hollywood, and decided to remain and develop his ambition to be a writer.

It was then that Lang, who had become a good friend of John's, sent him to Central Casting where he got his first assignment as a movie extra.

John didn't remain an extra for long.

YORK THEATRE

The most elaborate set ever constructed in the history of the theatre is the set for "Waltz Time" at the York Theatre. It is a reproduction of a palatial reception room of early European design and features in its decoration several plaster statues and oil paintings especially created for this purpose. Hundreds of gallons of gold paint and more than a ton of plaster mouldings and filigrees were also used in the lavish decorative scheme.

RIO THEATRE

Of the 218 members of the company and crew of Warner Bros. "Casablanca," now at the Rio Theatre, including Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Conrad Veidt and Director Michael Curtiz, not one could tell what the initials represented in the name of cast-member S. Z. Sakall.

The answer to the one-question quiz: The two letters were lifted by the actor from his first name, Szoke, for simplicity's sake.

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DOMINION—Johnny Weissmuller in "Swamp Fire."
OAK BAY—"Reap the Wild Wind."
PLAZA—"The Runaround," starring Broderick Crawford and Frank McHugh.
RIO—"Casa Blanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.
ROYAL—"Pantomime," Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp."
YORK—Laurel and Hardy in "The Bohemian Girl."

DOMINION THEATRE

A rivalry which began in pre-war Olympic swimming pools is being continued on movie film. The principals, who have competed in many races, are Johnny Weissmuller and Buster Crabbe, both of whom are seen in the thrilling Paramount picture, "Swamp Fire," opening tomorrow.

The two huskies fight for trophies and rules to stare in this picture a knock 'em down, drag 'em out fracas for the romantic interests of Virginia Grey and Carol Thurston, which ends up with both scrappers falling into the bayou.

CAPITOL THEATRE

Romances of royalty are more likely to have complications than those of commoners; for there are times when affairs of the heart must be set aside for affairs of state. What happened when a lovely empress refused to let her council of advisers dictate the choice of a husband to her is melodiously illustrated in "Waltz Time," musical hit now playing at the Capitol Theatre.

U.S. Army Gets 'Battlewagon'



Among new armored monsters being delivered to the U.S. army is this new tank-type battlewagon, developed by Chrysler Corp. The 63-ton vehicle can be made ready for action in five minutes by backing up and ramming its spade-trail into the ground to resist recoil. It's pictured with eight-inch rifle, though whose 35-foot, nine-inch barrel a 240-pound shell can be hurled 27 miles. The rifle is interchangeable with a 10-inch howitzer which shoots 360-pound shell 16 miles.

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Plaza—"The Runaround"
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Authors Meet At Dinner

Some 45 guests attended the Christmas dinner of the local branch of the Canada Authors' association held at the Y.W.C.A. Poetry prizes for the year were judged and awarded by Mrs. E. G. Earne. The winners in different classes were Miss Eugenie Perry, Mrs. R. Breach, H. W. Maunsell, Miss Clara E. Hill and Mrs. Davies. In the prose section, presided over by Mrs. Breach, the short story prize was won by J. E. Johnson, and the article prize by Miss Yvonne H. Stevenson. A one-act play written by Mrs. Maunsell Sr., was given by Miss Hill, Miss Day, Mrs. Frampton, H. W. Maunsell and J. E. Johnson. Donald J. McLeod exhibited two sets of films and Mrs. McLeod sang a solo. The program was interspersed with carol singing, accompanied by Mrs. D. W. White on the piano.

20,000,000 Unemployed

NEW YORK (AP)—Stuart Chase, economist and author, writing in the January issue of the magazine "This Month," forecast the possibility "we might have up to 20,000,000 unemployed."

"The chief danger for the long swing," Chase wrote, "is deflation and depression. If nothing is done to prevent it, this deflation may occur on a scale to make 1932 look like bingo night."

Chase expressed agreement with the theory of J. Philip Wernette, president of the University of New Mexico, that when the postwar recession stimulus to business and employment is exhausted, the depression of the 1930s is likely to recur.

Chase said the depression, broken by occasional periods of severe depression—unless something is done to prevent it.

PLAZA THEATRE

"Strange Voyage," the Monogram adventure film which is now at the Plaza Theatre, is the first all-serviceman commercial production on record. The entire company, including the star, Eddie Albert, were in the armed forces prior to making the picture, and after being discharged the group decided to form their own independent producing organization, "Strange Voyage," a tale of adventure and romance on the high seas and in the Mexican desert, is the result.

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